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PROBABLE DRONE SUPPORT FACILITY  
ABU KAMMASH ~~PROBABLE DRONE SUPPORT FACILITY~~, LIBYA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF A PROBABLE DRONE SUPPORT FACILITY IN LIBYA. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: A PROBABLE DRONE SUPPORT FACILITY WAS IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LIBYA. ABU KAMMASH PROBABLE DRONE SUPPORT FACILITY IS BOTH WALL AND DOUBLE-FENCE SECURED, AND CONTAINS TWO LARGE HANGAR-TYPE BUILDINGS, ONE HELICOPTER LANDING PAD, AND ONE POSSIBLE GROUND LAUNCH POSITION. ALSO PRESENT WAS ONE PROBABLE AGUSTA A-109 HELICOPTER WHICH PROBABLY SERVES AS THE LAUNCH/RECOVERY VEHICLE FOR THE DRONE.

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS--COLLATERAL INFORMATION INDICATED THE SYSTEM HAD BEEN IN COUNTRY SINCE 1979, BUT HAD BEEN DEPLOYED TO ABU KAMMASH FROM UMM AITIQA AIRFIELD WITHIN THE LAST FIVE MONTHS. THE ITALIAN-BUILT ANDROMEDA REMOTELY PILOTED VEHICLE SYSTEM CONSISTS OF A VAN-MOUNTED CONTROL STATION, EQUIPMENT FOR LAUNCH/RECOVERY (TWO AGUSTA A-109 HELICOPTERS), AND THE MIRACH 70 AND MIRACH 100 DRONES. THE MIRACH 70 IS GROUND-LAUNCHED WHILE THE MIRACH 100 CAN BE EITHER GROUND OR AIR LAUNCHED. BOTH MODELS CAN FUNCTION AS EITHER TARGET DRONES OR RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLES. ABU KAMMASH IS ON THE NORTHWEST COAST OF LIBYA 11 NM EAST OF THE LIBYA/TUNISIA BORDER. (SWN/NF)

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3. COORDINATES 33-04-28N 011-44-16E (S)
4. COLLATERAL REFERENCES: USDAO, ROME, 041844Z NOV 83, IR 6850 0473 83/LY OB UPDATE (S/NF)

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JANE'S ALL THE WORLD'S WEAPON SYSTEMS, 1978. (U)

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